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Written Testimony

Dear Chair Martin and Honorable City Council Members, Thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of Bill 20, allowing accessory dwelling units to be built on lots of appropriate size. As we all know, the housing crisis in Honolulu is growing every day and we need homes for our citizens. Allowing ADU's is an excellent way to provide some additional housing while spreading the increase in housing around all areas, minimizing the impact on neighborhoods. This will also give families an opportunity to legally provide separate living areas for that extra generation that is currently sharing living space with the home owners (these folks might be considered the hidden homeless). This will provide more rental units for singles and couples who cannot currently find housing. This will provide options for those who prefer not to live in high rises. This will also provide additional income to home owners, The only thing that would make this bill stronger and more useful for those of us advocating for affordable housing for those at the 80% AMI and below would be to begin to consider rent control. Thank you. Catherine Graham
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